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REMARKS                     

                    

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- 25X1 1. Firing practices were held by a training unit from Prora with medium AT guns and 37-mm AA guns at firing range Caesar (installation No 7) in the second half of July, until 27 July 1953. Some motor vehicles
- 25X1 were observed with the unit. On 1 August                      20 canvas-covered tanks had since recently been parked in forest district No 250 west of installation No 8, Karpin. Sections A and B of this installation were completed so far that they were scheduled to be turned over to the KVP billeting department. The S-6 unit quartered in the former ODD camp in Altwarp expected soon to be transferred to billets in section A. Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Waterstraat was the commanding officer of the S-6 unit.<sup>2</sup>
2. In late July, the previous supply officer of the S-5 unit, Lieutenant Schleeft (fnu), was made Sonderbeauftragter fuer besondere Vorkommnisse (special missions staff officer) of Division Weiss. In this capacity he was directly subordinate to Colonel Weiss (fnu). Senior Lieutenant, Salchow (fnu) replaced him as supply officer of the S-5 unit. PK officer was Lieutenant Riedel (fnu).<sup>3</sup>
- 25X1 3.                      35 officers and 35 to 40 percent of the EM of the S-5 unit had been discharged and that the present strength of the unit was only about 400 men.                      all KVP units were to be reorganized in connection with discharge operations.<sup>4</sup> Most of the Soviet advisors attached to KVP units were withdrawn on 27 July. Soviet advisors will reportedly remain attached only to commanding officers of KVP units.<sup>5</sup> The classified material and registration departments were henceforth to be staffed by civilian personnel except for the chief of the registration departments.<sup>6</sup>
- 25X1 the AAA unit stationed in Altwarp was to be replaced by a sea police or infantry unit.
- 25X1 4.                      the current discharge operations were to be completed by 27 July. The discharged personnel was escorted by an officer to the Bezirk registration offices where they received their civilian identification papers. Discharged personnel who were given good ratings by their PK officers found employment with nationalized enterprises or similar establishments.
- 25X1 5.                      Comment. The tanks probably belonged to the mechanized regiment of the mechanized division in Eggesin. This regiment is stationed in Karpin.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. This statement confirms the mortar regiment of the mechanized division in Eggesin, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Waterstraat, until 1 August.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The S-5 unit is AAA Regiment Boerner. Mechanized Division Eggesin is under the command of Colonel Weiss (fmu).

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The data on the strength of AAA Regiment Boerner agree with a previous report [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] this regiment transferred two companies to the AAA regiment in Kirchmoos. [REDACTED]. The number of personnel reported as discharge [REDACTED] appears rather high. It is believed that the figure given includes discharges of other units. There are indications that KVP units are being reorganized. However, detailed information is not yet available. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. Rumors on the intended withdrawal of Soviet units were reported in the last weeks. It is possible that the training of KVP units will henceforth be supervised by Soviet military personnel detached from regular Soviet troop units. Indications for this assumption had been received from the Weisswasser troop training grounds in early August. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. Similar information was received previously. [REDACTED]

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